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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: __________________________ Historic: Crowell Family House

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: __________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Randolph Rd., south side; between Maple Shade & Arbutus St.

4. OWNER(S): Cornelius & Katherine Kruse PUBLIC X PRIVATE

5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
   Interior accessible: yes, explain __________________________ X no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Mid-18th C

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

   X clapboard ___ asbestos siding ___ brick
   ___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
   ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
   ___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: ___ cut stone: type: brownstone
   ___ other: foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

   X wood frame: X post and beam ___ balloon ___ structural iron or steel
   ___ load bearing masonry
   ___ other:

10. ROOF: type:

    X gable ___ flat ___ mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
    ___ gambrel ___ shed ___ hip ___ round ___ other

    X wood shingle ___ roll asphalt ___ tin ___ slate
    ___ asphalt shingle ___ built up ___ tile ___ other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 ½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28'x36'; wing, 34'x15'

12. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent X good ___ fair ___ deteriorated

    Exterior: __ excellent X good ___ fair ___ deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:

    Alterations: no X yes, explain: End door, street side; added rear ell

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

    ___ barn ___ shed ___ garage ___ other landscape features or buildings: granite
    ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden ___ hitching post; fence

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

    ___ open land X woodland ___ residential X scattered buildings visible from site
    ___ commercial ___ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house is sited into a hill on the east side of Randolph Road, with its gable end facing the street. Although close to the road, it is shaded from it by trees and bushes. Some post-World War II housing in the near vicinity has begun to alter the traditional rural character of the Long Hill district.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built in the mid-to-late 18th century, possibly by a member of the Crowell family. This family was active in farming in the Long Hill area since the 18th century. The house remained in the possession of the Crowell family from at least before 1850 until sold to the Kruses in 1930. The house is a small, 1½-story, center-chimney Colonial structure. It is unusually sited, with the gable end close to the street. Built into a hill, the full basement of brownstone is exposed on the main (east) facade. The house is in good condition, with original narrow clapboarding and window sash, and is an important survival from the early days of the settlement of the Long Hill area of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known
- highways
- vandalism
- developers
- renewal
- private
- deterioration
- zoning
- other:

'explanation:'